

Communication/Marketing and Media Internship – Legislative Session

January - March 2014

The Washington State Secretary of State's Office is seeking qualified undergraduate and graduate students for an unpaid internship during the 2014 Legislative session. The Office of Secretary of State includes the Elections Division, Washington State Library, Washington State Archives, and Corporations and Charities Division. The intern's primary responsibility will include assisting the Communications team in the executive office, but may also include participation in projects and research for other divisions within the Secretary of State's Office.

Place of Employment and Duties

The internship begins early January 2014 and ends mid-March 2014, depending on the student's academic schedule. The intern will work in the executive office of the Secretary of State at the Capitol Building, in Olympia and have access to a computer and other equipment to complete assigned tasks. The standard work day is 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday with some flexibility contingent upon class times and credit requirements.

The intern will support the Communications and Development team with research, assemble daily media stories from the internet to distribute via e-mail, write for the office blog *From Our Corner*, assist with the development of the Secretary of State's media outreach program and other duties as assigned. The intern will also be responsible for compiling a marketing plan for the Secretary of State's oral history and biography program, The Legacy Project.

The Director of Communications, Director of Development and the Internship Coordinator will provide assignments, direction and guidance. The Internship Coordinator will work with the intern's school to ensure that all academic requisites have been completed in order for the intern to earn college credit.

Pre-requisites and Application Process

Prospective interns must be completing or have completed a degree in the field of Political Science, Public Administration, Public Policy, Communication, Marketing, Journalism, Pre-law or other applicable field. The ideal candidate must be able to demonstrate research and writing abilities, have an understanding of the governmental process and the ability to perform basic word processing tasks.

Closing date for consideration will be November, 18th. Interviews will then be conducted in person or over the phone during the first week of December. The selected candidate will begin work in early January 2014.

Interested individuals should send a cover letter, resume and two references (academic and professional) to Adam Noble, Internship Coordinator, Office of the Secretary of State, P.O. Box 40220, Olympia, WA 98504-0220 or e-mail: adam.noble@sos.wa.gov please also include cheri.kennedy@sos.wa.gov in your emails.